# MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. – Room 210 Senate Building

#### **Members Present:**

Sen. Alvin B. Jackson, Senate Chair

Sen. J. Stuart Adams

Sen. Wayne A. Harper

Sen. David P. Hinkins

Sen. Karen Mayne

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

Rep. Stewart Barlow

Rep. Kay J. Christofferson

Rep. Brad L. Dee

Rep. Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

Rep. Brad King

Rep. David E. Lifferth

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Rep. Dean Sanpei

Rep. Mike Schultz

## **Members Absent:**

Rep. Johnny Anderson, House Chair

Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg

Rep. Justin L. Fawson

#### **Staff Present:**

Mr. Alex R. Janak, Policy Analyst

Mr. Kurt P. Gasser, Associate General Counsel Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General

Counsel

Mr. Joshua M. Weber, Legislative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

#### 1. Committee Business

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. Rep. Anderegg, Rep. Anderson, and Rep. Fawson were excused from the meeting.

**MOTION**: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Mayne and Sen. Van Tassell were absent for the vote.

## 2. Driver License Division Long Term Planning Update

Mr. Chris Caras, Director, Diver License Division, and Mykeanne Hurst, Driver Services Bureau Chief, Driver License Division, referenced their presentation, "Driver's License Division Legislative Briefing 2016." They discussed the new possibilities regarding the design of driver's licenses. They also discussed electronic driver licenses. They told the committee that the division is in need of additional funding, through a statutory increase in fees, to continue offering services at an acceptable level across the state. They responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Andrew Jackson, resident, Orem, Utah, addressed the committee. He discussed his experiences with his daughter renewing a driver license and the difficulties they faced. He asked the committee and the division to consider remedies to the problem.

## 3. Transportation Commission Report

Mr. Kent Millington, Chair, Transportation Commission, and Mr. Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), presented "Impacts of S.B. 80 to Transportation." They discussed the effects of the 2016 General Session on the commission's current projects. They responded to questions from the committee.

# 4. Utah Department of Transportation Long Term Planning Update

Mr. Shane Marshall, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Transportation, and Mr. Braceras presented "Long-Term Planning Report." They discussed the mission, history, and current goals of UDOT. They responded to questions from the committee.

#### 5. C Decal Prioritization

Ms. Linda Hull, Policy and Legislative Services Director, Utah Department of Transportation, and Mr. Marshall presented "C Decal Prioritization." They discussed how C Decal Prioritization relates to high occupancy vehicle lanes. They gave a brief history and explained the purpose of high occupancy vehicle lanes. They responded to questions from the committee.

## 6. Update to Descriptions of UDOT Divisions and Structure

Mr. Braceras and Mr. Marshall presented "Structure & Division Descriptions." They discussed how the structure of UDOT currently appears in the Utah Code and the shifts that have been made in structure to accommodate current business practices.

**MOTION**: Sen. Van Tassell moved to create a committee bill file to reflect the shifts in the structure of UDOT. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Barlow, Rep. Dee, and Rep. Kennedy were absent for the vote.

## 7. Other Business/Adjourn

Sen. Jackson briefly discussed the issues surrounding the restrictions regarding the size and weight of vehicles allowed to drive on public roads. He also discussed the need for an update in the state code to reflect consistency with federal regulations.

**MOTION**: Sen. Van Tassell moved to create a working group to study the Motor Carrier Code to identify areas of the code in need of updating. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Barlow, Rep. Dee, and Rep. Moss were absent for the vote.

Sen. Van Tassell and Rep. Christofferson were tasked to be part of a working group to study the Motor Carrier Code. They will work with committee staff and UDOT and will provide an update to the full committee at a future interim meeting.

**MOTION**: Rep. Schultz moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.